

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are active in the present application. Claims 5-7 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and for clarity. Claims 10-12 are new claims supported by the original claims. No new matter is added. An action on the merits and allowance of claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

--5. (Amended) The adsorbent, which is produced as claimed in claim 2 [or 3], wherein [the] removing the organic compound is performed by evaporation under reduced pressure.

6. (Amended) The adsorbent, which is produced as claimed in claim 2 [or 3], wherein the organic compound is an aromatic compound.

7. (Amended) The adsorbent as claimed in claim 6, wherein the aromatic compound is [at least one] selected from the group consisting of benzene, toluene, xylene, chlorobenzene, bromobenzene, dichlorobenzene, and trichlorobenzene.--

Claims 10-12 (New).